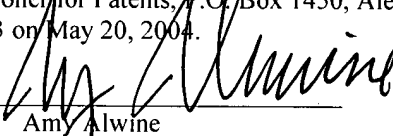


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  Basol et al.  Serial No.: 09/671,800  Filed: September 8, 2000  Title: Process to Minimize and/or Eliminate Conductive Material Coating over the Top Surface of a Patterned Substrate and Layer Structure Made Thereby	Group Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: Leader, William T. Docket: 2022/48819 NT-107-US  CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as First Class Mail in a postage-paid envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313 on May 20, 2004.  Signed:  Amy Alwine
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

A) In response to the Office action mailed January 20, 2004 with a shortened statutory period for response no later than April 20, 2004, applicants request a one month extension to May 20, 2004 to submit a response which includes a herewith submitted PTO-2038 form for \$55 to cover the one month extension fee. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

B) Please change the correspondence address to the following address:

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